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Mo hairy, Mo healthy

'Stache mob. Students say manly, but fun Movember campaign is making them more aware of health risks

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Look out, London: The fuzz is moving in.

With Movember and moustache-growing competitions out of the gates, Western University students are upping the ante in this year's contest.

Western's Movember team — led by a handful of Mo Bros and Mo Sistas — is out to double its hand.

Last year, about 850 Western students signed on to grow 'staches, raising $60,343 to support men's health. This year's goal is 1,500 lippy makeovers and $75,000.

Men's health, especially testicular and prostate cancer, may not be a hot topic among 20-somethings. But it should be — something Western student Brett Larson, 21, of Oakville, realized when he read about Movember a few years ago.

Like most college-age men, regular health checks and cancer screenings used to be the last thing on his mind. Now, with all the publicity Movember has created around the issue, it's at the forefront.

Getting Western students more involved in the city-wide effort is critical, he said. "You have to get the message out early."

Part of Movember's success hinges on its lighthearted — yet manly — approach, students said. In a way, the campaign has created a brotherhood, said John Hooper, 22.

"You see other people with a moustache and you nod and acknowledge it," the Western student and Vancouver native said. "Breast cancer has pink, prostate cancer has blue, Movember has moustaches.

"It just works."

Mo money for men's cancer

- More than 135,000 Canadians have registered for Movember — running through Nov. 30 — and had donated more than $2.9 million by Thursday evening.
- Last year, Canadians raised about $41.9 million.
- For more, go to facebook.com/MovemberLondon or follow @MoLdnOnt on Twitter. The national website, which includes info on how to join Mo Sistas, is ca.movember.com.

Western student Bailey Wells, 21, of Oakville, right, takes a ride on a 16-foot-long moustache-shaped teeter-totter on Thursday during a Movember launch at the University Community Centre. Western students, including Taylor Brodie, 20, of Oakville, left, plan to play a bigger role than ever in this year's Movember activities. ANGELA MULLINS/METRO

Life after Gabe

With new players like Jermaine Blackburn and Tyler Murray, the London Lightning are adjusting to a team without MVP Gabe Freeman PAGE 6

Wicked 'wich

Bet you didn't know Saturday is National Sandwich Day — celebrate with grilled chicken and pesto on crusty Italian bread PAGE 23

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Standard time begins on Sunday, so don't forget to set your clocks back one hour

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$1.3B price tag is false: Premier

Cost of scrapping gas plants. Industry watchdog says costs much higher than government estimates

Premier Dalton McGuinty flatly rejected a published report Thursday claiming the Liberal government's decisions to scrap two gas-fired generating stations will cost Ontario taxpayers at least $1.3 billion.

Energy industry watchdog Tom Adams told media he pored through thousands of documents on the gas plants in Oakville and Mississauga and determined the total cost of cancelling the two projects was at least $1 billion higher than the $230 million the government claims.

Premier Dalton McGuinty
THE CANADIAN PRESS FILE

Speaking in Peterborough, McGuinty dismissed the energy consultant's calculations out of hand.

"We're very confident that the costs are in total $230 million. We've released all of the documentation," said McGuinty.

Adams points to a series of exchanges showing TransCanada Energy — developer of the Oakville project — asked for more than $900 million, but he cannot find the final settlement number in the 56,000 documents the Liberals were forced to release on the gas plants under a Speaker's order.

Energy Minister Chris Bentley has said the Liberal government's decision to move the planned gas-fired generating station in Oakville to the Napanee area will cost taxpayers $40 million.

The Liberals' initial reluctance to release the documents led to a rare contempt of Parliament motion that many blame for McGuinty's decision to prorogue the legislature for at least four months when he announced his resignation last month. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Speaking engagement

Premier McGuinty will be in London on Friday to speak at the Nurse Practitioners' Association of Ontario Annual Conference.

Taking home the gold ... in stair-climbing

Olympic decathlete Damien Warner, 23, of London, checks his stopwatch Thursday as he takes his last step in the United Way's stair climb at One London Place. Warner completed the 25-flight, 472-stair challenge in 3 minutes, 4 seconds. The average time is about 10 minutes. ANGELA MULLINS/METRO

Halloween trickery

Police look for leads for candy-bag blade

Police are asking people to come forward with tips that might help them figure out how a razor blade wound up in a child's trick-or-treat bag.

A parent found the blade while looking through candy collected between 5:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Wednesday along Marconi Boulevard between Julia Court and Bow Street, Const. Dennis Rivest said.

The blade was wrapped in its original wax paper, the way it would have been packaged in a larger box of blades bought at a store.

"(It) wasn't unpackaged and packaged again to look like something else," Rivest said.

No one was injured.

Rivest was aware of no leads Thursday about where the blade may have come from.

Anyone with information is asked to call police at (519) 661-5670 or Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477).

ANGELA MULLINS/METRO

Smoke detectors

Change your clocks, change your batteries

Daylight savings time ends on Sunday, and the London Fire Department reminds you to replace the old batteries in your smoke alarms when you change your clocks this weekend.

A smoke-alarm program carried out by the department with the assistance of the London Homebuilders Association found that of the 7,016 homes entered, 14 per cent had inadequate protection.

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Ont. lends hand in U.S. storm recovery

Post-Sandy. Hydro crews from province head to Boston area to help restore power

Energy Minister Chris Bentley METRO FILE

Ontario is extending a helping hand to Boston as it works to recover from Superstorm Sandy and get the lights back on.

With electricity restored to nearly all Ontario customers left in the dark by the storm, Energy Minister Chris Bentley said Thursday that 145 Hydro One workers will head to the Boston area at the request of National Grid, a U.S. utility.

Hydro One has made great progress restoring power across Ontario, the London West MPP said in a statement.

"They are now in a position to be able to help our friends in the United States."

The workers — line maintainers, foresters and support staff — will aid efforts to restore power in Massachusetts, where just under 20,000 people were without electricity on Thursday.

That's down from the 400,000 who saw their lights go out at the height of the storm.

No deaths have been reported in the state.

"We are so pleased to help our neighbours to the south. And we know our crews will make a difference in the U.S. the way they do each and every day here in Ontario," Bentley said. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Storm's aftermath

- **Help.** The workers are expected to arrive in Massachusetts by Friday night.
- **Death toll.** Sandy has killed at least 75 people in the United States.
- **Off the grid.** Power outages there affect more than 4.6 million homes and businesses, down from a peak of 8.5 million.

Fundraiser's a smash!

Western University student Nathan Smith, 21, of London, takes a baseball bat to a pumpkin Thursday during an Engineers Without Borders fundraiser on the university's campus. The group dropped several large pumpkins from a crane and gave people a chance to get in on the smashing action — for video, go to metronews.ca. Members are trying to raise enough money to send two students overseas this summer for a project to help reduce poverty. ANGELA MULLINS/METRO

We're No. 11. UWO slips in Maclean's annual rankings

Western University has fallen two spots in Maclean's rankings of Canadian universities.

The school placed 11th on a list of 15 schools in its category, falling behind Saskatchewan and Ottawa, ranked ninth and 10th respectively. Western placed ninth in 2011 and 2010.

Keith Marnoch, Western's director of media relations, called the result "disappointing." Western is making changes in a variety of areas that will lead to a stronger overall position, he said.

"That may take a while to kind of filter down to the point that it's reflected in these particular rankings."

McGill University maintained the field's top spot, a position it's held for eight years. Second place went to the University of British Columbia, third to the University of Toronto.

Maclean's annual guide to universities hits store shelves Thursday, taking an in-depth look at what's happening on campuses.

ANGELA MULLINS/METRO

Impaired driving

Man sentenced to jail in fatal crash

Months after driving drunk and killing two of his friends in a horrific crash in St. Thomas, a 22-year-old London man has been sentenced to four-and-a-half years behind bars.

With time already served, Brandon Hughes could spend another four years in prison.

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Hospital charity

911 Clash for a Cause at Masonville mall

On Friday and Saturday, the London Police Service, the London Fire Department and other organizations will raise money in a 24-hour stationary bike relay for the neonatal intensive care unit at Children's Hospital at London Health Sciences Centre. METRO

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OHL. Knights in action Friday, Sunday

Following Thursday's road game in Windsor, the London Knights travel back home for a usual home contest on Friday before hitting the pavement once again Sunday afternoon.

Seth Griffith
METRO FILE

Going into the Spitfires tilt, London's lethal weapon up front, Seth Griffith, was tied for second in Ontario Hockey League goal-scoring.

Griffith, 19, has found the back of the net on 12 occasions in 14 games, while adding nine assists. That point total ranks the Boston Bruins prospect sixth amongst all OHLers.

- **Friday**: Budweiser Gardens, 7:30 p.m.

Vs.: Belleville Bulls (8-4-1-0)

The hot hand: Jordan Subban (3 goals, 10 assists)

Of note: Malcolm Subban is arguably the best goalie London will face all year. He is front-runner to start for Team Canada at the world juniors.

- **Sunday**: Sleeman Centre, 2 p.m.

Vs.: Guelph Storm (10-4-0-1)

The hot hand: Scott Kosmachuk (10 goals, 9 assists)

Of note: Over three meetings with Knights this year, Guelph has improved each time. Went from 8-2 loss, to 4-1 loss, to 4-3 win.

***Statistics heading into Thursday night games.**

JOHN MATISZ/METRO

Spitfires win on home ice

Knights drop third straight game

Josh Ho-Sang had a goal and two assists and Jaroslav Pavelka made 38 saves Thursday as the Windsor Spitfires defeated the London Knights 6-3 in Windsor.

Brady Vail, Patrick Seiloff, Derek Schoenmakers, Ben Johnson and Kerby Rychel had the other goals for the Spitfires (8-6-3).

Seth Griffith, Tyler Ferry and Alex Broadhust replied for the Knights (8-5-0-2).

The loss extended the Knights' losing streak to three games.

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Lightning pleased with 'just as good' replacement

Tyler Murray of Toronto, one of three London Lightning players from Canada, participates in a rebounding drill during practice at YMCA Centre Branch on Wednesday. JOHN MATISZ/METRO

New man on court.
MVP Gabe Freeman out, Jermaine Blackburn in

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Only a season into its existence, the London Lightning is transitioning into its second era in the National Basketball League of Canada — the post-Gabe Freeman Era.

"Gabe was a good player, he was great for us," said London coach Michael Ray Richardson. "But, our team was more than about Gabe Freeman. As a basketball coach, I didn't put all of my marbles into him. I never do that."

Freeman, the NBL's first regular season and playoff MVP, is halfway across the world suiting up for the San Miguel Beermen in the Philippines. His replacement, Jermaine Blackburn, arrived in the Forest City this week, just in time for the Lightning's season opener at Budweiser Gardens on Saturday.

"He's a similar player to Gabe," said Richardson, of Blackburn, a Boise State University alumnus. "I think he's a better scorer, but Gabe is a better rebounder. All around, he's just as good."

Blackburn, a 29-year-old native of St. Louis, Mo., is in the Continental Basketball League's record books for recording 22 points, 14 assists, 10 rebounds, and 10 steals in a single game. That's a quadruple-double.

Blackburn, Tim Ellis, all-star Morgan Lewis, court general DeAnthony Bowden, and commanding centre DeAndre Thomas are projected to have starting roles this year.

Packing the stands

- The Lightning say they have doubled their season-ticket holders.
- Prior to tip-off at the home-opener Saturday against the Halifax Rainmen, there will be a championship banner-raising.

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Mustangs rev up for rematch with Marauders

Semifinals. Western visits Hamilton's Ron Joyce Stadium to play McMaster on Saturday

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On Saturday, Western University will try to avenge a homecoming loss to McMaster, and, in the process, advance to the Ontario university football final.

With last Saturday's 56-35 victory over Windsor, the Mustangs set up a rematch with undefeated McMaster. The Marauders defeated the Mustangs 33-27 at TD Waterhouse Stadium on Sept. 29.

Western coach Greg Marshall hopes the momentum from last week's win will carry over into Saturday's semifinal.

Greg Marshall CONTRIBUTED

"We did a good job of scoring points against Windsor," he said. "We got our offence going early. We need to continue to distribute the ball well, but we need better coverage."

The team is preparing as if it were any other game, says Marshall, but they are working to fix mistakes made during the homecoming loss.

"We need to be more disciplined on defence," he said. "They have a great team — we know that. But this time, we now know we need to put more pressure on their quarterback."

McMaster quarterback Kyle Quinlan is coming off a 43-0 win over Wilfrid Laurier, rushing for two touchdowns and throwing for another.

First-year quarterback Will Finch will be a new addition to the Mustangs' offence this time against McMaster.

The game

- The rematch takes place Saturday at 4:30 p.m.
- McMaster ranked No. 1 in the county; Western ranked No. 8

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Prime minister calls treatment of Ashley Smith 'unacceptable'

Smith Inquest. Liberal Leader Bob Rae calls out Conservatives on hypocrisy, 'dishonest' comments

Prime Minister Stephen Harper publicly criticized correctional authorities on Thursday for their handling of a disturbed teenager who choked to death in her cell five years ago, prompting opposition accusations of federal government dishonesty.

The issue reached the House of Commons following the screening of disturbing jailhouse video at an inquest into the death of Ashley Smith this week that shows guards duct-taping her and drugging her against her will.

"The Ashley Smith case is obviously a terrible tragedy," Harper said.

However, information has come to light that shows Corrections Canada's behaviour was "completely unacceptable," he told the House of Commons.

Outside the Commons, Liberal Leader Bob Rae accused the Conservative government of being "dishonest."

"This is a government that wanted to stop the showing of those videos," Rae said.

"This is a government that, every step of the way, attempted to keep Canadians from seeing what went on."

While federal lawyers lost a court battle to keep the videos under wraps, they are still fighting to limit the scope of the inquest, which would block scrutiny of what happened to Smith in prisons outside Ontario.

Harper said he would let "arguments between lawyers" play out without interference.

Smith choked to death as guards looked on in October 2007 at a prison in Kitchener. She had spent the past year of her life in segregation, shunted among prisons in five provinces.

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Ashley Smith is duct-taped to her seat on an airplane during a transfer from a Saskatoon prison on April 12, 2007. The protests of a now-dead teenager filled a courtroom Wednesday as surveillance videos were screened. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Quebec probe

Also Thursday, Smith's family released documents their lawyer said showed a "shoddy" criminal investigation into how prison authorities in Quebec had treated Smith.

- **Police findings.** While there may have been "deviations from internal procedure," they were minor, no excessive force was used, and the actions did not amount to anything criminal, the investigator concluded.
- **Medical findings.** As to whether the use of sedatives was unnecessary or abusive, police pointed the family at the College of Physicians. A report by a psychiatrist, Dr. Beaudry, concluded there was no imminent risk to Smith's health or the safety of others.

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Subway arteries bring N.Y.C. back to life

Problems remain.
Concerns rise for safety of elderly and the poor

New York City moved closer to resuming its frenetic pace by getting back its vital subways Thursday, three days after the superstorm. But neighbouring New Jersey was stunned by coastal devastation and the news of thousands of people in one city still stranded by increasingly-fetid flood waters.

In New York, people streamed into the city as service began to resume on commuter trains and subways. Amtrak's Northeast Corridor — the busiest train line in the country — was to take commuters along the heavily-populated East Coast again, starting Friday.

But hundreds of people lined up for buses, traffic jammed for kilometres and long gas lines formed. The latest deaths reported included two young boys who disappeared Monday night when waves of water crashed into an SUV.

On the surface

"Manhattan is getting back to normal — at least, the parts most people notice."

Alex Koppelman wrote on The New Yorker website Thursday.

Hundreds of thousands in New York City alone were still without power, especially in downtown Manhattan. Concerns rose over the elderly and poor, who faced pitch-black hallways and dwindling food.

"Our problem is making sure they know that food is available," New York City Mayor Michael Bloomberg said, as officials expressed concern about people hauling water from fire hydrants up dark flights of stairs. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Chris Zaturoski siphons gasoline from his car to use for a generator at his house in Little Ferry, N.J., on Thursday. His home has been without power since Superstorm Sandy hit on Monday. MIKE GROLL/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Bloomberg can see it now.
Obama is best man to fight climate change, mayor says

New York Mayor Michael Bloomberg on Thursday backed President Barack Obama over Republican Mitt Romney, saying the incumbent Democrat will bring leadership that is critically needed to fight climate change after the East Coast devastation wrought by Superstorm Sandy.

The endorsement from the politically-independent and popular third-term mayor was a major boost for Obama, who is spending the campaign's final days trying to win over independent voters whose voices will be critical in determining who wins Tuesday's election.

Both candidates had eagerly sought the nod from Bloomberg, who didn't endorse a presidential candidate in 2008.

As New York continued to pick up the pieces after the superstorm devastated parts of the city this week, Bloomberg said Sandy had made the stakes of the election even clearer.

He said the climate is changing and that Obama has taken major steps in the right direction.

"We need leadership from the White House, and over the past four years, President Barack Obama has taken major steps to reduce our carbon consumption," Bloomberg wrote in an online opinion piece, citing higher fuel-efficiency standards for vehicles and stricter controls on mercury emissions. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

N.Y.C. Mayor Michael Bloomberg didn't endorse a candidate in 2008. ALLISON JOYCE/GETTY IMAGES

Racial profiling

Shakedowns come with return policy in Texas county

Authorities in a Texas county where a drug enforcement program was allegedly used to shake down black and Latino highway travellers are returning more than $100,000 taken during the traffic stops.

The stops near the Louisiana border often resulted in people being forced to hand over cash without any charges being filed. They have led to multiple lawsuits and criminal investigations. District Attorney Kenneth Florence says the cases were dismissed after an agreement was reached in August to settle a class-action lawsuit.

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Unwelcome praise

Love the prez, hate his fans? Romney attacks in new ad

Mitt Romney's campaign is running a new ad in Florida that claims Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez and Fidel Castro's niece would support President Barack Obama. The spot shows a clip of Chavez saying that if he were American, "I'd vote for Obama." The Venezuelan leader did say that in September, when he also called Obama "a good guy."

Obama's campaign on Thursday said the ad gives Chavez more attention than he deserves. Venezuela has had tense relations with the U.S. government for years, even though the U.S. is a top buyer of its oil.

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Pointing the finger: Scanner tracks employee absences

Modern-day time card. Toronto law firm's use of biometric monitoring has staff up in arms

The days of sneaking out for three-hour lunch breaks will soon be over at a Bay Street law firm after it decided to install fingerprint-scanning technology to monitor its employees' comings and goings.

Last month, McCague Borlack LLP announced plans for a revamped security system that will require staff (except lawyers who spend much of their time with clients) to clock in and out of the office with a finger swipe, keeping track of morning late-comers or those who try to jump-start their weekends by slipping out early on a Friday.

"Some people were abusing the system," said founding partner Howard Borlack, 58. "We had people taking two to three hours for lunch and we had no way of knowing.... Some people were complaining."

Other Toronto firms use security passes and honour systems to keep track of time worked. McCague Borlack, which focuses mostly on insurance law and employs about 200 people, has gone a step further with a system that not only provides office access via fingerprint, but also records employees as they enter and leave.

Come mid-November, when the system is expected to go live, the office will be equipped with finger-scanning machines that will keep a rolling record of the time spent in the office.

Carleton University law professor Michael MacNeil, who specializes in legal issues surrounding privacy and surveillance, said the fingerprinting system is just one example of the way workplaces are using technology to monitor and maximize productivity.

But legislation has lagged behind the trend, he said, leaving more questions than answers over what constitutes an invasion of privacy in the workplace. "There's a lot of it going on," he said. "It's an area where the law is underdeveloped."

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Howard Borlack, founding parter at McCague Borlack in Toronto, stands by a machine that scans part of a finger. The law firm will fingerprint support staff to track their work hours. VINCE TALOTTA/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Staff opposition

The plan has drawn outrage among a group of bloggers who identify themselves as McCague Borlack secretaries.

- On their "Finger Campaign" website, the group accuses the firm of ostracizing secretaries and copy-room staff. They called the system an "insult to our human dignity."
- "The indignant fingerprinting program does not seek to address any security concerns at all," one post read. "It's for the 'mark 'em and track 'em' purpose exclusively."

China. Refusing Nexen deal could cost Canada

Canada can expect a chilly reception and damaged relations with Beijing if the Harper government dents China's pride by refusing a $15.1-billion bid for a piece of this country's oilpatch, observers say.

And other foreign investors will have occasion to pause if state-owned China National Offshore Oil Corp. is blocked in the friendly takeover of Calgary-based Nexen, they add.

Those investors would question Ottawa's commitment to open markets and the government would take political heat from all sides for once again not having a clear strategy for dealing with foreign takeovers.

Stock values among Canadian resource firms would almost certainly fall, some hard.

Under the Investment Canada Act, deals involving WTO member countries valued at more than $330 million must be a "net benefit" to Canada. Just what "net benefit" means is unclear, but the prime minister has said clarifications are coming soon. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Quoted

"I don't know how you construct a narrative to explain saying no to this transaction."

John Manley, head of the Canadian Council of Chief Executives and former Liberal industry minister

Public pensions. Reform must go further: Report

A new report from a leading Canadian think-tank says legislation to reform public pensions is still too generous to federal employees and MPs, and too risky for taxpayers.

The C.D. Howe Institute report says the government is underestimating the plans' liabilities by about 40 per cent, or $100 billion, so taxpayers are on the hook for more than advertised.

The report says the changes are an improvement on the current system, but need to go further before an equitable distribution of benefits and risks is achieved.

Under the new law, public servants, members of Parliament and Senators will contribute roughly half of the reported cost service of the plans.

To reach a true 50-50 split between employee and taxpayer obligations, the pension plans would need to be radically altered, the think-tank says, or participant contributions would need to rise further.

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By the numbers

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Rail-plant strike

Bombardier still aims to deliver subways on time

Bombardier is taking steps to avoid delivery delays for a series of railway projects — including subway cars for Toronto and Montreal — after workers in Quebec went on strike Thursday. A spokesman declined to specify how the company will avoid delays, but said all measures will be legal. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Retail

Storm spending may impact U.S. holiday sales

Americans spent briskly in October before Superstorm Sandy hit the Northeast at the tail-end of the month. But analysts fear that many Americans who bought generators, bottled water and other emergency and cleanup supplies before and after the storm will be less inclined to spend over the holidays. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Detroit

U.S. car sales weather October

Most major automakers reported sales increases in October despite losing at least three days of business to the punishing rain and wind from Superstorm Sandy.

Toyota said its sales rose almost 16 per cent for the month, while Volkswagen reported another strong month with sales up 22 per cent. Chrysler sales rose 10 per cent. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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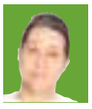

THE LIST
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1 **G-strings.** Among businesses being reimbursed for losses incurred during 2010's G20 summit in Toronto is the Zanzibar strip club. Not only did the bar suffer damages from rioters, but they also experienced an unprecedented dip in revenue from the absence of politicos.

2 **Mile-high madness.** Maygan Sensenberger wanted to be famous. Her journey began last August at age 22, when she married then-68-year-old Liberal Senator Rod Zimmer. One year later, almost to the day, during a flight to Saskatoon, a lovers' spat landed her in jail. She was charged with endangering the safety of an aircraft, uttering threats and causing a disturbance. Sensenberger says she still "plans to be big," but does not want to be known as the "crazy Air Canada lady." That's fair. Let's keep Air Canada out of this.

3 **Papa Can You Hear Me?** Barbra Streisand began her Canadian tour last week to sold out crowds. The show apparently begins with a video montage of Babs' childhood and early career to the tune of You'll Never Know, as Streisand emerges to a welcoming public. If you listen closely, you can hear at least one person saying, "$1,000 a ticket, and I'm watching her home movies!"

4 **Space invaders.** Austrian daredevil, Felix Baumgartner, stated in an interview that sending machines to Mars is pointless. He says our tax dollars could be spent more wisely, and that people should decide, "Are you willing to spend all this money to go to Mars?" Well, maybe not to go, but if I could send Bristol Palin and the cast of Jersey Shore, count me in.

5 **Who cares?** Kim Kardashian wore a $2,000 waist-length blond wig with her sexy mermaid costume for a Halloween party last week, and is now asking her more than 16 million Twitter followers if she should dye it for real. Perhaps the real question is why she even has 16 million followers? I'm thinking her time would be better spent trying to cultivate a talent of any kind.

6 **Adult ed.** Twenty-six-year-old Canadian rapper, Drake, completed his high school diploma and dedicated it to his mom in a heartfelt speech. "I'll sleep a little better tonight knowing that I found a way to follow through." Congratulations buddy. Next stop: Harvard.

7 **Ball talk.** NBA basketball is back with a new venue in Brooklyn, and improved Celtic and Laker teams to challenge 2012 juggernauts Miami and OKC. A great time for hockey fans to either become basketball fans, or start talking to their wives.

8 **Car-tunes.** This week in 1969, the #1 song on the U.K. singles chart was Sugar, Sugar by The Archies. The song was co-written and co-sung by Canada's own Andy Kim. Sorry to disappoint those of you who thought it was actually sung by Archie, but he and Jughead were hungover.

9 **Hey soul sista.** A homegrown R&B diva is emerging from our midst. Torontonians will see Andria Simone perform tracks from her debut CD, Nothing Comes Easy, at the Drake next week. But she'll be making the national rounds soon enough. You heard it here first.

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It's a Hip replacement

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Scalpel , I mean script

ER doc is Ahead by a Century

Director Max Montalvo, right, in a Dodgers hat, Tragically Hip drummer Johnny Fay, wearing a sombrero, and guitarist Rob Baker, to the right of Fay, work with two actors in the foreground in the music video Lookahead, at Milagro Restaurant in Toronto in this photo taken at a recent filming.

Montalvo is a staff emergency doctor in Kingston, Ont., and in whatever free time he can carve out, he's a filmmaker, directing music videos by Sarah Harmer, Stripper's Union and, most recently, The Tragically Hip. THE CANADIAN PRESS

45-years-old

"I sometimes think that filming can be as exhausting and challenging as if you're working a busy string of shifts ... But as a friend of mine said one time: 'The difference is no one is clapping after you sew up their finger.'"

Max Montalvo
Emergency room doctor, filmmaker

Their music at work

Working two jobs is pretty Hip

Montalvo has been practising emergency medicine for a decade, while his filmmaking career took off more recently when he directed 2010's El Payo, a documentary about northern Ontario flamenco guitarist David Phillips, who died in 2002.

Montalvo met Tragically Hip guitarist Rob Baker through mutual friends and gradually developed a relationship with the rest of the band.

Still, it was a special joy for Montalvo to watch and shoot the recording sessions for the band's recently released disc, Now For Plan A.

Determined not to use the resulting footage for a typical promotional clip, Montalvo instead cut an arty, wry, black-and-white video that runs more than 11 minutes, includes almost no English and features a performance by Canadian metal outfit Kooznetz superimposed over images of the Hip recording.

The Hip loved the video and commissioned Montalvo to helm clips for two more songs. For the driving At Transformation, Montalvo created an oblique visual collage, while he took a different approach for Lookahead, released this week. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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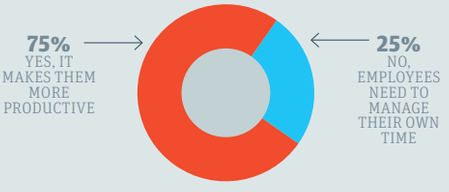

Twitter

@MPasierbek: Coffee crisp hot choc & left over candy bars for breakfast. One good thing about a rainy halloween nite #notrickortreaters #leftovercandy

@late2game: >>>>>STRESSSSS<<<<<< I need a drink.

@orangeheromama: Oh my gosh. So cold! Trying to work but there is a big hole in my house(replacing a big window).. Brrrrr!!

@KevinDickins1: I have my purple shirt on, and goatee shaved, all part of @turnldnpurple @Movember @MoLdnOnt love this month! #LdnOnt

@Shmoked: Day 5 of overcast with rain for #LdnOnt maybe the sun will spoil us before we turn back our clocks!

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Denzel Washington yet again takes on the role of a hero with a dark side in Flight. HANDOUT

Reel Guys

RICHARD CROUSE AND MARK BRESLIN

Flight crashes in its tale about addiction

Uneven course. Ned Ehrbar fills in for Mark Breslin and reviews Flight, a film that struggles to set a consistent tone

Richard: Ned, is there another A-list leading man who explores the dark sides of their characters as often as Washington? Will Smith and Tom Cruise will occasionally let the heroic side of their on-screen personas take a back seat, but Washington revels in mucking around in the mud. From Training Day to American Gangster and Safe House, he crafts complex characters you wouldn't want to sit next to on the bus. Do you think this is Oscar worthy?

Ned: As far as A-listers in love with the dark side, it's pretty much Washington and Leo DiCaprio. And Washington gets plenty murky here — so much so that it made me wonder if we'd be rooting for this character at all if it were played by someone else. Let's face it, the booze- and coke-addled pilot he plays here only has one attractive characteristic: looking and sounding like Denzel Washington. As for Oscar-worthy, I'm not so sure.

RC: I thought he managed to subtly capture the ego and hubris that allows his hotshot character to present a sober face to the public, even though the film's visual language is frequently not as refined. A close-up of Washington's hand grasping a mini bottle of vodka and the accompanying swoosh sound looks like something that should be in a commercial.

NE: The tone of the film in general seemed to be all over the place. Who knows, maybe the whole film was supposed to seem drunk? In any event, it didn't work for me. His hitting rock bottom is played for laughs, and Kelly Riley — as the recovering heroin addict he shacks up with for some reason — seems to be literally in a different movie for the first 30 minutes or so. And as movies about alcoholism go, it doesn't do Flight any favours to come out soon after the more nuanced Smashed.

RC: I think Smashed is a much more touching story about addiction. As much as I enjoyed Washington, I wish the movie had been more concise. It flits around a half-dozen themes before the end.

NE: The movie left me cold. It starts great — with thrilling take-off and crash-landing sequences, but it's flat and uneven from then on.

Synopsis

Denzel Washington plays a troubled airline pilot who safely lands a malfunctioning plane, saving 96 of the 102 passengers and crew. Hailed as a hero at first, soon his unsavoury personal habits bring him under suspicion. Was the malfunction that brought the plane down of a mechanical or personal nature?

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Cloud Atlas encompasses six stories over a span of 500 years and features an enormous cast of A-list stars playing multiple roles. This means it's also very long — 172 minutes — and carries with it the ambitions of an epic. So here are five other movies with running times adding to their sense of importance.

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5 movies that will clear your calendar

Lawrence of Arabia (1962 and 1989)

The very definition of an epic. You'll see various running times out there, all of which flirt with the four-hour mark. But the 1989 reconstruction of David Lean's classic wound up being close to its original length of 216 minutes. Breathtaking in its scope and hugely influential with its gorgeously grand, sweeping vistas, it won seven Academy Awards, including best picture. There's a lot of ground to cover and Lawrence was a complicated guy. Besides, who wouldn't want to look at Peter O'Toole for that long?

Inland Empire (2006)

Back when I reviewed this, I wrote that it might be David Lynch's masterpiece or it might be a total mess. What I was sure of was the fact that it changed my mood for the rest of the day — it stuck with me, messed with me — and I couldn't ignore that. While it features many of Lynch's regular players (Laura Dern, Harry Dean Stanton, Justin Theroux) and his trademark disjointed, nightmarish visuals, it's also a defiantly plotless mixture of bunny rabbits, dark hallways and dancing prostitutes. That it runs 180 minutes adds to its hypnotic nature.

Apocalypse Now Redux (2001)

As if 1979's Apocalypse Now weren't long enough, Francis Ford Coppola added 49 minutes of never-before-seen footage and re-released it as a 197-minute director's cut, the version he always wanted the world to see. This includes more footage of the beach attack scene and the much-talked-about French plantation scene. While it's fascinating to see what Coppola deleted from the original film, he didn't always improve his master work, and at times, he weakened it. (We also could have included the first two Godfather movies here, which clock in at 175 minutes and 200 minutes, respectively, and deserve every second.)

Magnolia (1999)

I loved this movie when it came out and I love it still, and the fact that it's over three hours long only magnifies the enormity of the emotions — the way Paul Thomas Anderson intertwines the various characters' lives and expertly times their highs and lows. It's big and beautiful, fluid and messy — a profound exploration of love and loneliness in the most prosaic of places: the San Fernando Valley. You could spend 188 minutes just sitting on the 101 freeway, trying to get from Studio City to Woodland Hills. This is far more compelling.

Heat (1995)

Michael Mann's crime saga takes on an epic, operatic quality as it sprawls across 170 minutes and throughout Los Angeles. This will go down as Mann's masterpiece — although The Insider, which is also pretty damn long at 157 minutes, is also pretty great. Everything he does best is on display here: the stylized visuals, gritty violence and complex characters who occupy a murky moral area. Since we're keeping track of time, the coolly-precise bank robbery that Robert De Niro, Val Kilmer and Tom Sizemore pull off, followed by that famous shootout in the heart of downtown, comes at the halfway point.

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Aerosmith, Public Enemy, All That Remains lead off 2012's major releases

Now that November is here, the avalanche of albums really begins. And just wait until next week.

SOUND CHECK
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1 Legendary Child/ Aerosmith

The first single from Music from Another Dimension. The last Aerosmith album of new material was released seven months before the iPod 11 years ago.

2 I Shall Not Be Moved/ Public Enemy

Two PE albums will appear on Tuesday: the physical edition of Most of My Heroes Still Don't Appear on No Stamp (already available digitally) and the brand new The Evil Empire of Everything.

3 You Can't Fill My Shadow/All That Remains

The sixth album from this Massachusetts metalcore outfit is called A War You Cannot Win. Can they maintain the momentum of their last two records?

On the web

Scan this code or visit metronews.ca to listen to Alan Cross's selections.

Winehouse. Charity says late singer's dresses stolen

Amy Winehouse's charity says two of the late singer's dresses — including her wedding dress — are missing and believed stolen from her former London home.

The Amy Winehouse Foundation said Thursday the dress Winehouse wore for her 2006 Miami wedding to Blake Fielder-Civil and a newsprint cocktail dress she wore during a British TV appearance are both missing. The presumed theft was discovered during an inventory.

The wedding dress was to have been auctioned off for the charity, established to help young people overcome addiction. The singer's father, Mitch Winehouse, told the Evening Standard it was "sickening that someone would steal something in the knowledge of its sentimental value."

Winehouse, the Grammy-winning Back to Black singer, died from alcohol poisoning in 2011, at the age of 27.

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Amy Winehouse. SIMONE JOYNER/GETTY IMAGES

Pop-moustache polarity

There's good reason moustachio rhymes with braggadocio, because in this past century you needed major league guts to carry one off with aplomb. "Like two erect sentries, my moustache defends the entrance to my real self," Salvador Dali captioned an iconic portrait, where his waxed stache tips vertically extend, overshooting his eyes. Below the nose, follicle gardens tend to make bristly and divisive style statements that leave little room for middle ground — you're either a biker or a bellhop, a hippie or a hipster, Lemmy Kilmister or Freddie Mercury.

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Rockers

Theatrical Rock — Freddie Mercury

STYLE: CHEEKY CHEVRON

The late Queen lead singer's mo was as magnificent as his voice. His glamorous crumb-catcher looked particularly fetching when accessorized with a racerback tank top, fingerless leather biker gloves or a spandex jumpsuit.

Mercury's moustache could probably sing We Are the Champions while doing the fandango.

Heavy Metal — Lemmy Kilmister

STYLE: THE LEMMY

Catch a glimpse of Motörhead frontman's muttonchops and feral stache in a dark alley and you might just scream louder than his band's speed metal. Pioneering rock god or not,

Lemmy's mug may be more famous than his music.

Big four sports

NFL Tough Guy — Jack Lambert

STYLE: SHAGGY WALRUS

You didn't want to see this hard-hitting linebacker staring you down across the line of scrimmage in the 1970s. Missing his front four top teeth, Lambert's snarling mug, highlighted by his drooping thicket of walrus-esque underbrush, was emblematic of Pittsburgh's defense dubbed the Steel Curtain.

MLB Nice Guy — Rollie Fingers Style

STYLE: HAUTE HANDLEBAR

While his sharp slider and impressive save tally put the A's pitcher in the Hall, most baseball fans' fondest memory of this rock-solid reliever is of his exquisitely-curled handlebar. The leader of the Athletics' cookie-duster cohort, Fingers first grew his stache in order to receive a $300 bonus from eccentric owner Charles O. Finley, who also dreamed up Mustache Day at the ballpark.

Political leaders

Hero — Martin Luther King Jr.

STYLE: ELEGANT COP STACHE

While this civil rights leader is celebrated for his vision of racial equality, MLK's legacy saw some more trivial yet still world-changing consequences come to be, like his unintended dream of follicular freedom. While moustache discrimination may still exist in some corners, most office places have removed restrictions. Disney theme parks lifted their employee mo ban in 2000.

Presidential hopeful — Thomas E. Dewey

STYLE: CLARK GABLE STACHE

Nicknamed "The Mustache," Dewey ran against Roosevelt in the 1944 American presidential election. Alice Roosevelt Longworth publicly dissed Dewey's carefully-cultivated and decidedly-dapper lip-warmer, which complimented his put-together look, calling him "the little man on the wedding cake."

Toons

Square — Ned Flanders

STYLE: THE MAGNUM

While Springfield's most irrepressibly-jovial denizen may be as bland as a pint of Duff Light, his ample soup strainer, straight off the hirsute 1970s, is a colossal furry specimen. His stache embodies his sense of peace with his outsized manliness. Still, not everybody reads it right. "Judging from that moustache, you must be a member of the People's Republic of Berkley," Ted Nugent surmised.

Hothead — Yosemite Sam

STYLE: BIG BUSHY MESS

Sam's ungainly whiskers account for 20 per cent of his body mass and are so prodigious he could really conceal his two six-shooters in that furry menace. His ginger facial mane is an outward reflection of his redneck Napoleon complex and banjo-smashing short fuse. If you look at Sam the wrong way, you better start saying your prayers, varmint.

Quinn the extra ingredient to Holmes recipe

Elementary. Irish actor unfazed by last-minute casting decision for NYC police captain Tobias Gregson

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There are only two characters that come to mind when you mention the work of Sir Arthur Conan Doyle: Holmes and Watson.

So perhaps the creators of Elementary, a new modernized take on the Sherlock Holmes character, can be excused for waiting until the last minute to cast actor Aidan Quinn as Captain Tobias Gregson, the New York City cop who hires the down-on-his-luck detective as a consultant.

Quinn, a hardworking actor who's appeared in a diverse range of films, from Legends of the Fall to Jonah Hex, was shooting on top of the Rockies when he got the call. "I was the last one cast," he says. "I had to literally get off a plane and go straight to a hotel at nine o'clock at night. I had a three hour fitting and I was being picked up at 5:30 a.m. to start shooting."

Luckily for Quinn, he'd had recent experience playing a cop in the Big Apple to draw on, having just played one for 13 episodes on the television series Prime Suspect. "I got to hang out with the chief of detectives, Lt. Jimmy West," he says. "I knew the world I was walking into."

Elementary transplants Holmes, played by Johnny Lee Miller, to modern day New York, framing him as a recovering substance abuser with intolerance for slow-witted people. Dr. John Watson is now a Joan, played by Lucy Liu, who plays Holmes' sponsor.

While most of the people around Holmes are the targets of his acerbic sense of humour, Quinn's Captain Gregson has a genuine affection for him.

"I think he enjoys watching Holmes say nasty things to people," he says, noting that as a police captain, his character has to mind his tongue. "I think maybe, in a way, I'm living vicariously through Holmes."

Controversy

- **Fan accusations.** Prior to its premiere, Elementary was in hot water with fans over the supposed similarities between it and the BBC's Sherlock. But Quinn has never seen Elementary's British counterpart and he blames Internet haters for the controversy. "It's all just bloggers," said the actor.

Irish actor Aidan Quinn (left) plays Captain Gregson in the latest Sherlock Holmes adaptation Elementary. HANDOUT

TV Picks

Fringe secrecy

As the countdown to the series finale of Fringe continues, even the episode synopses are cloaked in mystery. All producers will tease about Friday's new episode is that the team responds to devastating events, forcing one of its own to make a "significant and shocking move." Well, Canadian star Joshua Jackson has asserted that the sci-fi puzzler will eventually come to a highly satisfying conclusion, so we'll just have to trust him — right? (Citytv, Fox)

Fringe's Joshua Jackson HANDOUT

Go Raptors!

The Toronto Raptors kicked off their season earlier this week, and Saturday will travel to face their newest division rivals on Rogers Sportsnet: The recently re-located Brooklyn Nets, owned in part by rap superstar Jay-Z. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Ashton Kutcher and Demi Moore. ALL PHOTOS GETTY IMAGES

Kutcher, Moore remain separated but not divorced

It's been a year since Ashton Kutcher and Demi Moore separated, but apparently they've made no moves toward actually getting a divorce, according to TMZ.

While several reports have suggested squabbling over how to divide assets between the stars, the website reports that in fact there have been no discussions on the topic, argumentative or otherwise.

Kutcher and Moore were married for six years before separating.

Jamie Bell

Bell finally ties the knot with Wood

It looks like those wedding rings Evan Rachel Wood and Jamie Bell were spotted wearing were for real, as the pair has tied the knot, a rep for Wood tells Us Weekly. The small ceremony took place in California on Tuesday, with Wood wearing a gown by Carolina Herrera.

"I am so happy for Evan. She is a timeless beauty and her gown in Chantilly lace captures this perfectly," Herrera says.

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The Word

Ben Affleck forced to pass up prime gigs

Ben Affleck has learned the hard way that finding a balance between working and home life means turning down some interesting gigs — like directing episodes of Homeland, the critically acclaimed spy drama.

While giving a speech at the Artios Awards in L.A. recently, Affleck admitted wife Jennifer Garner kept him from taking the job.

"I liked the show. I signed on. The guys were ready. I don't want to blame her, but my wife and I gave an agreement where when she works, I don't work and when I work, she doesn't work," he explains.

"She said, 'I have this movie, it's 10 weeks, it's in Atlanta.' I said, 'OK, forget it. I'm sure nothing will happen with it anyway.'"

The series went on to win several Emmy Awards, including best drama series.

Charlie Bewley

Twilight co-star relates to Stewart's infidelity

Robert Pattinson seems to have forgiven Kristen Stewart for her infidelity scandal over the summer — and so have some of her other Twilight co-stars.

"Honestly, I used to cheat so much it would be very hypocritical of me to pass judgment on Kristen," says Charlie Bewley, who plays Vulturi vampire Demetri in the last installment of the successful franchise. "I know what it's like to have an inflated libido. Probably why I'm not in a relationship right now."

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EAT 3

Liquid Assets

Down Under sipping

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As you read this, I'm on the other side of the globe, enjoying some Down Under hospitality in Southern Australia.

The Aussies took the wine world by storm back in the late 1980s, catching the likes of France, Italy and Germany totally off guard. Giving grape variety names top billing on their labels, the wine wizards of Oz became industry darlings almost overnight.

Things have changed a lot since then. For awhile, it seemed like every vineyard in the country was trying to make the same wine.

Thankfully, today's Australia is, for the most part, a different place.

Smaller, family-owned wineries have taken up residence next to industry giants like Wolf Blass and Yellow Tail at your local liquor store — offering different personalities to offset the now diminishing glut of "taste the same" brands.

One new face of Australia I just visited was Shingleback, in the McLaren Vale not far from South Australia's capital, Adelaide. The Shingleback 2011 Red Knot Cabernet Sauvignon is a ripe mouthful of wine with lots of up-front blackberry fruit and complexity that reminds me of what the best Aussies of the '80s were producing. Try it with a plate of something big and beefy.

PRICES REFLECT THE RANGE ACROSS THE COUNTRY. SOME PRODUCTS MAY NOT BE AVAILABLE IN ALL PROVINCES.

Serious sandwich lovers, bite into this

National Sandwich Day is on Saturday. Celebrate the second annual event with an Italian grilled chicken sandwich with pesto-cheese sauce

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Whether you eat it on a croissant, between two slices of whole wheat bread with the crust cut off or on gluten-free buns, this is the weekend to make yourself a delicious sandwich.

According to Technomic Inc.'s 2010 Canadian Sandwich Consumer Trend Report, 94 per cent of Canadians said they eat at least one sandwich each week.

This week, make it this delicious Italian grilled chicken sandwich with pesto-cheese sauce.

I save calories in this sandwich by removing the interior from the loaf of bread and leaving the crust intact. That brings the calorie count to 345 per one sandwich. The filling of chicken with vegetables, pesto-cheese sauce and shredded lettuce makes this a unique meal.

This recipe serves six. RYAN SZULC, FROM ROSE REISMAN'S FAMILY FAVORITES (WHITECAP BOOKS)

Ingredients

Start to finish: 25 minutes

- 2 tbsp pesto
- 2 tbsp light mayonnaise
- 1/3 cup light ricotta (5%)
- 3 tbsp light cream cheese, softened
- 1/3 cup crumbled goat cheese (about 1 1/2 oz)
- 1 whole Italian round loaf of bread (about 1 1/4 lb; about 12 inches across)
- 8 oz skinless boneless chicken breasts (about 2 breasts), pounded flat
- 1 roasted red pepper, thinly sliced
- 2 cups shredded romaine lettuce
- 2 medium plum tomatoes, sliced and seeded
- 1/3 cup diced red onion
- 1/3 cup chopped black olives
- pinch of salt and pepper

1. To make the pesto-cheese sauce, combine the pesto, mayonnaise, ricotta, cream cheese and goat cheese in a food processor and purée until smooth.

2. Cut the loaf of bread in half horizontally and pull out as much of the bread as possible, leaving only the crust.

3. In a non-stick grill pan or skillet, lightly coated with cooking spray, cook the chicken breast just until no longer pink, about 5 minutes. Cool, then slice thinly.

4. Spread the pesto-cheese sauce over both the bottom and the top half of the loaf. Layer the bottom half with the chicken, roasted red pepper strips, lettuce, tomatoes, onions, olives, salt and pepper. Top with the top half of the loaf and cut into 6 sandwiches. **ROSE REISMAN'S FAMILY FAVORITES (WHITECAP BOOKS)**

Right touch of creme fraîche

In France, where it originates, creme fraiche often is used in sauces for vegetables, particularly green beans and cauliflower as well as in salad dressings, soups and pastries, and to top fresh fruit. It's sometimes used to make caramels and even is added to coffee and cocktails.

Ingredients

- 1/2 cup creme fraîche
- 1/2 cup grated Parmesan
- 1/4 cup grated cheddar
- 1 tbsp cornstarch
- 1/2 tsp each garlic powder and ground black pepper
- 1/2 tsp hot sauce
- 1/4 tsp salt
- Pinch nutmeg
- 2 tbsp Dijon mustard
- 4 slices sandwich bread
- 4 slices Gruyère cheese
- 8 slices smoked deli ham
- 1 tbsp butter, softened

Here, it's used in the classic Croque Monsieur sandwich.

1. Heat the oven to 350 F. In bowl, mix creme fraîche, 1/4 cup Parmesan, cheddar, cornstarch, garlic powder, pepper, hot sauce, salt and nutmeg. Set aside.

2. Spread quarter of mustard evenly over one side of each slice of bread. Top each with 1 slice of cheese and 2 slices of ham. Overturn 2 of the stacks onto others to make 2 sandwiches. Spread butter over one side of each sandwich.

3. Arrange sandwiches on baking sheet, buttered side up; bake 5 mins. Remove baking sheet from oven. Set oven to broil.

4. Flip sandwiches. Spoon half of the creme fraîche mix over top of each sandwich. Top with remaining Parmesan. Broil 2 mins. until cheese melts.

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Have a few gaps in your schedule you're looking to fill?
Whether you're hoping to dance, drink or just relax, check out these hot upcoming events.

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Break the Chain

London restaurant Kantina (349 Talbot St.) wants you to break the chain — chain restaurants, that is. This week, the local eatery launched its Break the Chain event, encouraging customers to choose locally owned restaurants by offering their Eastern European-inspired menu for pay-what-you-can prices — meaning the diner decides what they think they should pay. Break the Chain runs from 5:30 p.m. to closing every Tuesday. Photo courtesy of Brian Blatnicki.

ArteMusea

London's second annual ArteMusea Festival opens Thursday, Nov. 8, at Museum London (421 Ridout St. N). The 10-day art show and sale celebrates the best in local art, but it's not just limited to paintings — ArteMusea also features locally made "wearable art" including jewellery, purses and other accessories. The festival opens with a free preview night at 7 p.m., featuring refreshments and a cash bar. The show is open during museum hours until Sunday, Nov. 18. Photo courtesy of Museum London.

Olenka and the double-release

Local folk act Olenka and the Autumn Lovers will be playing at the First Christian Reformed Church (a.k.a. Talbot Street Church, 513 Talbot St.) on Friday. The show will kick off the southwestern Ontario leg of their tour in support of their double release of the EP Hard Times and their first vinyl 7" It's Alright. The group has gained critical acclaim for their unique sound, a mix of traditional folk and country influences with an Eastern European twinge. Tickets are $12 advance/$15 door. Photo courtesy of Jeremy Klaver.

Boys of Fall

Country music stars Chad Brownlee and Dallas Smith will be making a stop in London at Cowboys Ranch (60 Wharncliffe Rd. N.) on Nov. 8. Smith rose to fame as frontman of the band Default and was nominated for two Canadian Country Music Awards this year, while Brownlee won the Rising Star award at the 2011 CCMAs. Both artists are coming off album releases this year and with a show at one of London's best-known Western bars, this is sure to be worth the cash. Tickets are $23.50 and available at ticketmaster.com. Photo courtesy of Holly Cybulski.

Calendar Girls

If you're in the mood for some light-hearted theatre, be sure to grab tickets to Calendar Girls at The Grand Theatre (471 Richmond St.) before the end of its run on Nov. 10. The comedy tells the true story of a group of women who bore all for a worthy cause and was adapted from the 2003 film starring Helen Mirren. Tickets start at $31.64. For information about show times and to buy tickets, go to grandtheatre.com. Photo by Claus Andersen.

Brave new worlds

Museum London will be getting futuristic this fall. On Saturday, the Brave New Worlds exhibition will open, featuring a wide variety of art and media imagining the future of our planet. Named with a nod to the 1932 novel Brave New World by Aldous Huxley, exhibition-goers will be met with both beautiful and dystopic visions of the future and commentary on a range of social issues. Pictured: Jenna Faye Powell, The Ideology of the Sublime Wilderness, 2011, acrylic and oil on canvas. Courtesy of the artist.

MLB

Police say former Expos pitcher Perez slain in robbery

Pascual Perez, who had a troubled 11-season major-league career that included two suspensions for drug use, was killed at his home in the Dominican Republic in an apparent robbery, police said Thursday.

Perez was found with a severe head wound in a town west of the capital, Santo Domingo, and there was evidence at the scene to suggest that whoever killed him had been searching for money, said Joel Valdemiro, a prosecutor involved in the investigation.

No one was in custody and authorities did not reveal whether they had any suspects.

The 55-year-old Perez played for the Expos from 1987-89. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Pascual Perez with the Expos in June 1989. THE CANADIAN PRESS FILE

After Sandy

N.Y.C. mayor stands by race

New York City Mayor Michael Bloomberg says Sunday's marathon won't divert resources from victims of Superstorm Sandy's devastation.

Bloomberg responded to criticism of his decision to hold the race at a news briefing Thursday. He notes that electricity is expected to be back on in downtown Manhattan by Sunday, freeing up an "enormous number of police."
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DeRozan deal a 'wise investment': Raps GM

NBA. Toronto wraps up fourth-year swingman before he can become a restricted free agent

With numbers crunched, the landscape surveyed and the future in mind, it became an easy decision for the Toronto Raptors to sign fourth-year swingman DeMar DeRozan to a lucrative four-year contract extension.

President and general manager Bryan Colangelo, fully aware that the six-foot-seven DeRozan has yet to realize what some experts see as his full potential, knows he's paying now for what he hopes happens down the line.

"Upside is a commodity in this business and we definitely think this was a wise investment," Colangelo said Thursday, a day after giving DeRozan a four-year deal worth a guaranteed $38 million US.

DeRozan, 23, would have become a restricted free agent next summer had the Raptors not locked him up before the midnight, Oct. 31 deadline. Colangelo said the unknown of the future — and wanting to have a young player locked up on what he sees as a manageable contract — became paramount as the deadline approached.

"This is mostly about asset retention and yes, it does lock in an asset moving forward," said the general manager.

Whether DeRozan develops more as a player remains to be seen. In his three NBA seasons, he's proven he can score but his shooting range remains a question mark and his defence needs marked improvement.

But, given how things around them are unfolding, and mindful that finding young players who want to come to Toronto has been difficult, getting DeRozan under contract does send a message.

It's now up to the player to continue to improve his game.

"We've grown with him, he's grown with us. We see him as a piece that not only do we want him, he wants to be here — that's important to me. It's important to our organization and I think it's an important message to send that we've got a nice fit, that we want to retain our players that work hard and show signs of promise," said Colangelo.

"The downside of waiting would have been that someone would have come in.... Roughly 10 teams that will have significant cap space and would have been potential suitors for a dynamic wing player like DeMar DeRozan." TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Toronto Raptors shooting guard DeMar DeRozan dunks against the Indiana Pacers Wednesday in Toronto. STEVE RUSSELL/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Cycling. IOC investigating Armstrong's bronze medal

The IOC formally opened an investigation Thursday that could result in Lance Armstrong being stripped of his Olympic bronze medal.

The IOC is looking into the Olympic involvement of Armstrong, other riders and officials implicated in the U.S. Anti-Doping Agency report detailing "the most sophisticated, professionalized and successful doping program that sport has ever seen."

Cycling's governing body, the UCI, last week formally stripped Armstrong of his seven Tour de France titles from 1999-2005. Armstrong could now also lose the bronze medal he won in the road time trial at the 2000 Sydney Olympics.

"The IOC will now immediately start the process concerning the involvement of Lance Armstrong, other riders and particularly their entourages with respect to the Olympic Games and their future involvement with the Games," the International Olympic Committee said in a statement.

Levi Leipheimer, a former Armstrong teammate who won the time-trial bronze at the 2008 Beijing Games, could also have his medal revoked.
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IOC review

The medals could come up for review at the IOC's executive board meeting next month in Lausanne, Switzerland.

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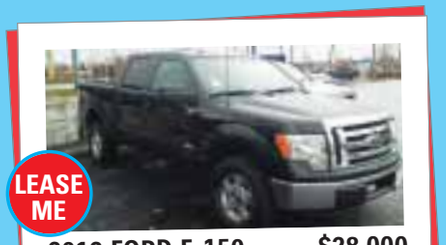
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Grey Cup tour set to touch down in London

Milan Acovski-Berze, 2, and mom Margaret Berze, both from Windsor, pose for a photo with the Grey Cup inside a Via Rail train on Thursday. The Canadian Football League's championship trophy is in London for a couple of days as part of the Grey Cup 100 Tour. At 8 a.m. on Friday, the cup will be making a stop at the Western University Rec Centre before heading to the South London Nissan car dealership at noon. JOHN MATISZ/METRO

Benching Vick was never an option: Coach

NFL. Philadelphia bench boss Andy Reid dispels rumours surrounding his struggling QB

Michael Vick remains the Philadelphia Eagles quarterback, for now ... and for the future.

Coach Andy Reid said Thursday he never considered benching Vick, he just wanted to step back and evaluate the beleaguered veteran.

Reid threw his full support behind Vick after practice and was ready to move forward with him as the starter for Monday's game at New Orleans (2-5). Rookie Nick Foles, a pre-season star, remains the backup.

"Michael was the quarterback, is the quarterback and will continue to be the quarterback for the Philadelphia Eagles," Reid said.

Eagles quarterback Michael Vick GETTY IMAGES

Vick, a four-time Pro Bowl player, has struggled this season and Philadelphia (3-4) has lost three straight games.

Reid didn't endorse Vick after Sunday's 30-17 loss to Atlanta, only that he would evaluate all his starters. Vick then said he would support whatever decision Reid makes.

After Thursday's practice, Reid said he thought Vick played one of his best games of the season against the Falcons. Vick was a pedestrian 21 of 35 for 191 yards and a touchdown. Vick had a rare turnover-free performance, though, after throwing eight interceptions and losing five fumbles in the first six games.

Vick said "it wasn't news" that he remained the starter because Reid never told him his job was in jeopardy. And he said he believed he's still one of the best players in the NFL, even if the numbers and record prove otherwise.

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Injury update

Bills' O-line gets some good news

It's two steps forward and potentially one step back when it comes to the health of the Buffalo Bills' starting offensive line coming out of the bye.

The good news is that starting left tackle Cordy Glenn and starting right guard Kraig Urbik are expected to return on Sunday, when Buffalo (3-4) travels to play the AFC-leading Houston Texans (6-1). Both missed three games with sprained right ankles.

On the downside, Erik Pears' status is uncertain after the starting right tackle missed practice Thursday.

Coach Chan Gailey said Pears was visiting a specialist to have a nagging hip-groin injury examined. Gailey said he hadn't ruled out the possibility of Pears requiring a second surgery on his hip.

Bills tackle Cordy Glenn GETTY IMAGES

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Horoscopes

♈ Aries
March 21 - April 20
Travel plans and social events may be disrupted today but that may not be a bad thing. You seem to be torn in which direction you should be moving, but do you really have to move anywhere?

♉ Taurus
April 21 - May 21
Common sense could fly out the window under the influence of the moon's eclipse of Jupiter and you could easily find yourself out of pocket by the end of the day. Think before you act — and don't be so wasteful.

♊ Gemini
May 22 - June 21
Others may say you are being too cautious and maybe you are but if your instincts tell you to think more and act less, you must listen. Jupiter may be in your sign but you don't have to take risks.

♋ Cancer
June 22 - July 23
Try not to let your anxieties get the better of you. You are sure to be worried about something today but that does not mean you cannot control your fears. Focus on the positives and pretend the negatives don't exist.

♌ Leo
July 24 - Aug. 23
Today's cosmic events will get your pulse racing but you must not take foolish risks, especially where friendships are concerned. Think before you act and, if you do make a mistake, correct it right away.

♍ Virgo
Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
Keep things simple and don't overreact. That applies to all areas of your life because if things get out of hand in one place they will get out of hand all over. Tread especially carefully when dealing with your employer.

♎ Libra
Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
Today's moon-Jupiter link will encourage you to open your mouth when you should probably keep it closed. You are entitled to your opinions, of course, but it would help tremendously if they were backed up by facts.

♏ Scorpio
Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
You may find it hard to keep what you know to yourself today. You are bursting to let everyone know, which is not like you at all. Your rivals could easily find ways to profit from what you tell them.

♐ Sagittarius
Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
Your emotions seem to be all over the place at the moment, but that's better than holding it all in and pretending you have no feelings at all. Let partners and loved ones know why you are so wound up.

♑ Capricorn
Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
Take life as it comes over the next 24 hours and don't take anything or anyone (including yourself) too seriously. Look at it this way: Ten years from now who is going to know or care?

♒ Aquarius
Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
Some kind of success or breakthrough is likely today or over the weekend, most likely on the work front. What have you done to deserve so much fortune? Who knows? Who cares! Just enjoy it while you can.

♓ Pisces
Feb. 20 - March 20
Don't allow yourself to feel guilty about what happens to other people. You are not responsible for their woes and have every right to be happy even though some may be suffering. Smile — and the world will smile with you.

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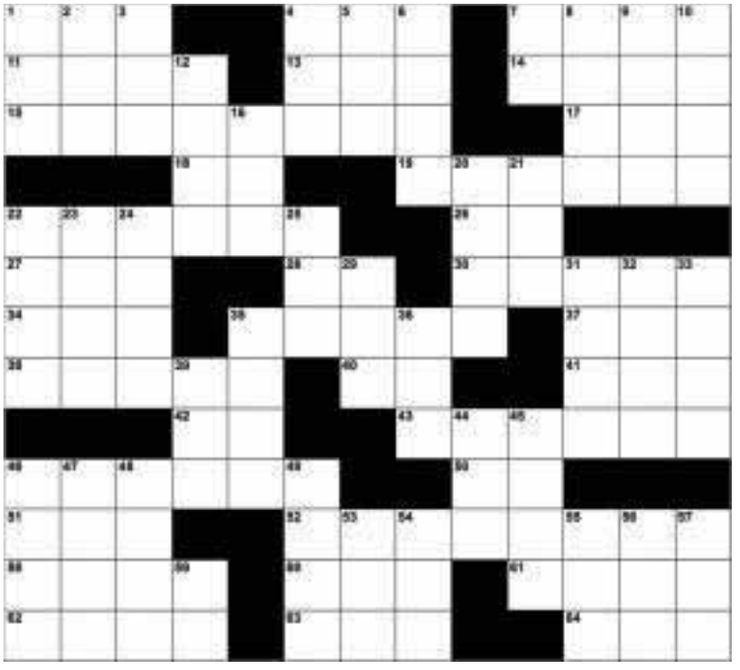
Canadian Crossword

BY BETTY MARTIN



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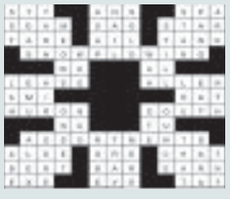
7. July birthstone
11. Affirm
13. A Gershwin
14. On the Pacific Princess
15. Taped previously
17. Nightmare street
18. Commercial
19. Baseball and Golf
22. Night time television selection
26. Ready – Not
27. Fishing apparatus
28. Whose Line Is — Anyway?
30. Courtroom drama
34. American Music Awards (abbr.)
35. Math calculation
37. — Life to Live
38. Office clerks
40. "— Officer and a Gentleman"
41. Countdown number
42. Battery size
43. Canadian capital
46. Trample
50. Model railroad gauge
51. Type of talk
52. Travel destinations
58. Lagers
60. Compass reading (abbr.)
61. Prong
62. Camping necessity
63. Goal
64. Consumed

Down
1. Golf term
2. Night before
3. Basement room
4. E-Bay requirement
5. Anger
6. Moms and —
7. Egyptian Sun God
8. Consumer
9. Holds up pants
10. Sweet potatoes
12. Stray
16. Star of Stargate: SG-1 (init.)
20. Kitchen utensils
21. Hockey great
22. Mild curse
23. Italian capital
24. Actor Sandler
25. "To —, With Love"
29. Mid afternoon social
31. Small amount
32. Afresh
33. Singer/actress Horne
35. PDQ
36. Year, in Spain
39. Actress Dawber
44. Apex
45. Whistle
46. Tiff
47. Before phone or vision
48. — Mike with Mike Bullard
49. Lucid
53. Country motel
54. Autumn colour
55. Inlet
56. Dynamite
57. Take a look
58. – John's Newfoundland

Yesterday's Crossword



What's online

See today's answers at metronews.ca/answers.

Sudoku

How to play
Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic.

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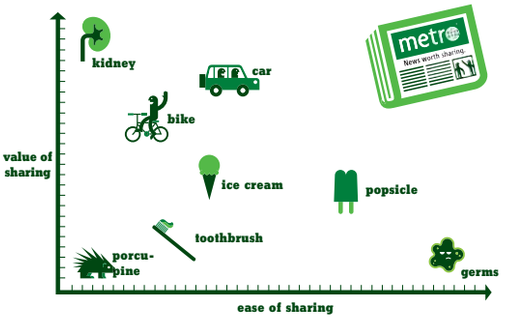

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